



**455TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING
BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN
DEPLOYMENT GUIDE**





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TEAM 455 NEWCOMERS

FROM: 455 AEW/CC

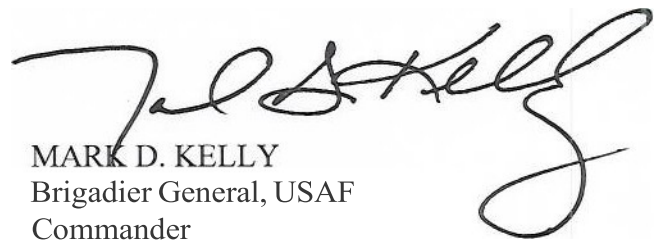
SUBJECT: Welcome to Team Bagram and Bagram Airfield

1. Congratulations on your assignment to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan (AFG). You will find your tour exciting, challenging and rewarding. Bagram Airfield, located in the Northeast sector of the Combined-Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan (CJOA-A), is home to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, the Air Force's most forward based wing in the CJOA-A. In addition, we share the airfield with several major joint and coalition units supporting the Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Together, our primary mission is to support the fight, defend the base, and win; each of us plays a role in supporting the ISAF mission.

2. First of all, I want to thank you up front for the sacrifices you and your family members make in proudly serving our country. I expect your time serving at Bagram to be the most meaningful of your career. I encourage you to describe your accomplishments and unique experiences to your loved ones throughout your tour as you achieve both personal and professional milestones.

3. I encourage each of you to contact your sponsor to ensure you are aware of all the latest information that will ease your transition. Details regarding each step of the process are available in the attached sponsorship package. Please do not hesitate to contact your sponsor at any time.

4. Once again, welcome to Team Bagram! I look forward to teaming and serving with you!



MARK D. KELLY
Brigadier General, USAF
Commander

"Fly, Fight, Win!"



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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPLOYING AIRMEN


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SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

1. Proud, Professional, Warrior Airmen Leaders; welcome to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing. I know first-hand how difficult it is to be away from family and friends; thanks in advance for your selfless service and unwavering devotion to duty! Please take the time to thank your loved ones, families and friends taking care of your affairs for me for what they're doing for you. Our wing executes a very dynamic, critical mission in support of U.S. and Coalition forces in a challenging environment. No matter what your job is, you will play an important role in our ability to accomplish the mission.

2. This guide was developed to provide you a general overview of what you can expect when you deploy to Bagram. Please take the time to read through it, the 455 AEW Community Standards, and the supplement to AFCENTI 36-2903, *Dress and Appearance for AF Personnel Deployed to USCENTCOM AOR (or 455 AEW Guidance Memorandum)* from cover to cover. In addition, it's very important that you read and comply with the USAFCENT Reporting Instructions. Those instructions, this guide and your Unit Deployment Manager should give you all the information you need to prepare for your deployment, succeed while you're here and return home with honor once your deployment is complete.

3. If you have any questions regarding your deployment, please don't hesitate to contact me at DSN 318-447-6312. I look forward to serving with you in combat as we execute the mission and take care of Airmen at such a pivotal juncture in our nation's history!


JEFFERY A. BROWN, CMSgt, USAF
Command Chief Master Sergeant

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN

*"Providing expeditionary combat and combat support
...in the Afghan Theater of Operation..."*

Bagram Airfield is located in eastern Afghanistan approximately 25 miles north of the nation's capital of Kabul. The installation is surrounded by the Hindu Kush Mountains and sits at an elevation of nearly 5,000 feet above sea level. The airfield was originally constructed in the 1970s by the Soviet Union and served as the Soviets' main air base during the Soviet-Afghan War (1979-1989). During the 1990s, Bagram witnessed fierce fighting between the Northern Alliance and Taliban. American forces began operating from Bagram Airfield in late 2001.

Afghanistan is a culturally diverse country made up of many ethnic groups. The majority of Afghans fall within the Pashtun, Tajik, Uzbek, and Hazara ethnicities with a variety of small minorities present. While more than 32 languages and dialects are spoken here, most Afghans speak either Pashto or Dari; Dari is predominant in the area around Bagram.

Afghanistan is an Islamic Republic, with 84 percent of its population Sunni and 15 percent Shi'a. Modesty, hospitality, and strong family/tribal ties are the central pillars that support Afghan culture.

UNIT HISTORY

The 455th Air Expeditionary Wing first heeded its nation's call during World War II. As the 455th Bombardment Group, the unit flew B-24 Liberators from bases in Italy against strategic targets throughout Europe. By the end of the war, the group earned 12 campaign streamers and two Distinguished Unit Citations, the highest honor bestowed upon a unit.

During the Cold War, the 455th Strategic Missile Wing stood up Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile operations at Minot AFB, North Dakota. Only six months after receiving its first missile, the wing positioned its 150th and final missile and was declared combat ready. The 455 SMW stood strategic alert with three ICBM squadrons for five years as a part of Strategic Air Command. In a major Strategic Air Command reorganization, the 91st Strategic Missile Wing replaced the 455th at Minot and the wing inactivated in mid-1968.

The 455th was reactivated in December 2001 for the Global War on Terrorism. In July 2002, the group was re-designated the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing with six assigned groups. Since then the wing has provided close air support, air mobility, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, combat search and rescue, electronic attack, aero medical evacuation and combat support as the lead Air Force organization in Afghanistan.

As a member of the 455 AEW, your actions are helping to write a new chapter in our proud heritage.

CAMP CUNNINGHAM

On March 4, 2002, the Air Force compound on Bagram was dedicated in honor of Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham who made the ultimate sacrifice during Operation ANACONDA.

Airman Cunningham was the primary Air Force combat search and rescue medic assigned to a quick-reaction force in Afghanistan. The force was sent to rescue two American servicemen evading capture in austere

terrain occupied by al-Qaeda and Taliban forces.

Before landing, his MH-47E Chinook helicopter received rocket-propelled grenade and small-arms fire, disabling the aircraft and forcing it to crash-land. Crewmembers formed a hasty defense and immediately suffered three fatalities and five critical casualties.

The citation accompanying his Air Force Cross reads, "Despite effective enemy fire, and at great risk to his own life, Airman Cunningham remained in the burning fuselage of the aircraft in order to treat the wounded. As he moved his patients to a more secure location, mortar rounds began to impact within 50 feet of his position. Disregarding this extreme danger, he continued the movement and exposed himself to enemy fire on seven separate occasions. When the second casualty collection point was also compromised, in a display of uncommon valor and gallantry, Airman Cunningham braved an intense small arms and rocket-propelled grenade attack while repositioning the critically wounded to a third collection point. Even after he was mortally wounded and quickly deteriorating, he continued to direct patient movement and transferred care to another medic. In the end, his distinct efforts led to the successful delivery of 10 gravely wounded Americans to life-saving medical treatment."

CENTCOM GO-1C/USAFCENT GO-1B

Current operations and deployments place United States Armed Forces into USAFCENT AOR countries where Islamic law and Arabic customs prohibit or restrict certain activities which are generally permissible in western societies. Restrictions upon these activities are essential to preserving U.S./host nation relations and combined operations of U.S. and friendly forces. In addition, the high operational tempo combined with often hazardous duty faced by U.S. forces in the region makes it prudent to restrict certain activities in order to maintain good order and discipline and ensure readiness. Restrictions that have been waived at other USAFCENT Wings (i.e. alcohol or quarters visitation) have not been waived for Afghanistan. Violation of CENTCOM General Order 1C or USAFCENT General Order 1B may result in administrative, non-judicial, or judicial action for military personnel. Civilians and contingency contractor personnel may face criminal prosecution or adverse administrative action.

USAFCENT General Order 1B can be found at the following link (requires CAC card).

<https://portal.bgab.afcent.af.mil/afcent/wings/455/docs/Site%20Links%20Documents/Commander's%20Links/AFCENT%20GO-1B.pdf>

CENTCOM General Order 1C can be found at the following link (requires CAC card).

[https://portal.bgab.afcent.af.mil/afcent/wings/455/docs/Site%20Links%20Documents/General%20Orders%20\(GOs\)/CENTCOM%20GO-1C%20-%202021%20May%2013.pdf](https://portal.bgab.afcent.af.mil/afcent/wings/455/docs/Site%20Links%20Documents/General%20Orders%20(GOs)/CENTCOM%20GO-1C%20-%202021%20May%2013.pdf)

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

All personnel deploying to (or attached to) Bagram Airfield are expected to understand and comply with the Community Standards supplement to GO-1 B and Air Force Policy Directive 36-29. Topics addressed include: Standards of Conduct, Arrival and Departure Procedures, General Guidelines, Safety and Health, Security, Weapons and Ammunition, Physical Training and Living Standards.

Bagram Airfield Community Standards can be found at the following link (requires CAC card).

<https://portal.bgab.afcent.af.mil/afcent/wings/455/layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/afcent/wings/455/docs/Site%20Links%20Documents/455%20AEW%20GOI-1%20Community%20Standards.docx&action=default>

HQ CJTF BASIC STANDARDS

Bagram Airfield resides within Bagram Forward Operating Base. Base Operating Support and Infrastructure (BOS-I) is supplied by the HQ Combined Joint Task Force CJTF as part of Regional Command-East (RC-E). HQ CJTF has its own Basic Standards. All personnel deploying to Bagram need to be familiar with the CJTF Basic Standards since most of the base, to include the Exchange and Dining Facilities (DFACs), reside outside Camp Cunningham.

HQ CJTF/RC-E Basic Standards can be found at the following link (requires CAC card).

[https://portal.bgab.afcent.af.mil/afcent/wings/455/docs/Site%20Links%20Documents/Quick%20Links%20to%20our%20information/Dress%20and%20Appearance/RC-E%20\(CJTF-1\)%20Standards%20book%20final.pdf](https://portal.bgab.afcent.af.mil/afcent/wings/455/docs/Site%20Links%20Documents/Quick%20Links%20to%20our%20information/Dress%20and%20Appearance/RC-E%20(CJTF-1)%20Standards%20book%20final.pdf)

PREPARING FOR DEPLOYMENT

All personnel deploying to (or attached to) Bagram Airfield are encouraged to visit the 455 AEW Bagram homepage and browse the page for useful information on their upcoming deployment (CAC required).

<https://portal.bgab.afcent.af.mil/AFCENT/WINGS/455/Pages/default.aspx>

In addition, all deploying personnel will review, understand and comply with the AFCENT Reporting Instructions and USAFCENT Location Specific Instructions which can be found at the following link.

<https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFRIT/afrit.aspx?cat=188>

Mobility Bags and Protective Equipment:

- a. Personnel must deploy with the following from home station: web belt, gas mask, wet weather, canteen with cup and cover
- b. IBA, CWDE, ACH helmets, DEET, and IFAKs will be provided at the Expeditionary Theater Distribution Center (ETDC) at Al Udeid. Personnel will be required to sign a hand receipt and be accountable for assets. Assets must be returned to an ETDC prior to redeployment.

Weapons Requirements:

- a. Members deploying to Bagram need to verify if their position is part of the Weapons Pre-positioning Program. If it is, members need to arrive, current and qualified on their assigned weapon and one will be issued at Bagram.
- b. M4s are NOT included in the pre-positioning program.
- c. Members deploying with the 966th Air Expeditionary Squadron will NOT be part of the Weapons Pre-positioning Program. 966 AES deployers must refer to Reporting Instructions for specific requirements and restrictions. Line remarks will state whether an M9, M16 or M4 is required.

Uniforms and Personal Effects

- a. Members will deploy with a MINIMUM of 4 sets of the duty and PT uniforms. Two pair of athletic shoes meeting the AF guidelines are recommended. Due to laundry turn-around time, 6 to 8 sets of PT uniforms are recommended. Limited supplies of PT uniform items are available at AAFES. Effective 1 April 2012, OCP's are the normal duty uniform for personnel deploying to Afghanistan.

Military personnel will deploy with four sets of FR-OCPs issued at home station. Aircrew personnel will deploy with four Desert Flight Duty Uniforms/or 2-piece Flight Duty Uniform. Only the DCU 8-point cap or DCU floppy/boonie hat are authorized for wear with the desert flight duty uniform. Those requiring all-cotton duty uniforms due to career-field requirements will also have them issued at home station. *Note: The deployed ELRS unit's IEE stock is for replacement uniform items.

- b. Personnel are required to bring a pillow. Some beds are longer than US standard twin mattresses so it is recommended that deployers bring 2 sets of bed linens and a blanket for an XL- twin bed.
- c. Hand-carry a 72-hour overnight bag for use at the Expeditionary Theater Distribution Center at Al Udeid while awaiting onward transportation. Wear of the FR-OCP, DFDU, and 2FDU will be in accordance with AFCENTI 36-2903, available online at:

[https://portal.afcent.af.mil/afcent/wings/455/docs/Site%20Links%20Documents/Quick%20Links%20to%20our%20information/Dress%20and%20Appearance/USAFCENTI%2036-2903%20\(1%20Feb%202014\).pdf#search=AFCENTI%2036%2D2903](https://portal.afcent.af.mil/afcent/wings/455/docs/Site%20Links%20Documents/Quick%20Links%20to%20our%20information/Dress%20and%20Appearance/USAFCENTI%2036-2903%20(1%20Feb%202014).pdf#search=AFCENTI%2036%2D2903)

Special Training/Reporting Requirements

- a. Anyone on a VA-series ULN will be an Individual Augmentee (IA) to a Joint Task Force or Headquarters unit. All IAs should reference the following web site for the latest information on preparing for the deployment and to verify they have the required pre-deployment training:
<https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFRIT/afrit.aspx?cat=188>
- b. Personnel deploying to Group Commander or Deputy Group Commander billets will attend the Incident Management Course.
- c. Air Force personnel who will be assigned to the 966 AES filling a Joint Expeditionary Tasking (JET) or Individual Augmentee (IA) billet should logon to the AFRIT website and view the appropriate reporting instructions under JOINT EXPEDITIONARY TASKINGS (JET/IA).
<https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFRIT/afrit.aspx?cat=188>
- d. All Air Force personnel must in-process with PERSCO at Bagram Airfield regardless of unit affiliation or mission immediately upon arrival for accountability purposes. POC is the 455 EFSS/PERSCO, email: 455EMSG.PERSCO@bgab.afcent.af.mil and DSN: 318-481-6721.

TRAVEL

Critical Items: OCPs, or an authorized fire retardant uniform or Desert Flight Duty Uniform (DFDU) for fliers, are mandatory for all Air Force members while traveling to and from the AFCENT AOR. If you wear your uniform during your commercial flight from home station, you must carry a change of appropriate civilian clothing in case of a delay enroute. You must carry one complete uniform in your carry-on (including your boots and hat if uniform is not worn when departing home station).

Additionally, you must hand carry your mobility folder and copies of your orders. Make sure to put a copy of your orders in each of your travel bags. It is recommended you carry a reflective belt in your 72-hour bag.

ETDC Transit: Members can expect to spend approximately 1-3 days at Al Udeid. Make sure you pack enough uniforms and personal items/medications/toiletries in your carry-on for a 72-hour stay. Access to checked baggage is limited while transiting the ETDCs. If you are traveling during the winter months, be sure to have gloves, hats, and coats readily accessible when you deplane.

Your Flight to Bagram: Most of you will travel from Al Udeid to Bagram on a C-17 or a C-130. It is approximately a two-hour thirty minute flight by C-17 and slightly longer by C-130.

When You Land: Upon arrival at the Bagram Airfield Passenger Terminal, a PERSCO member will greet you and collect your CAC to begin your in-processing. You will receive a quick briefing and complete your emergency locator information. You will need your mobility folder and copies of your orders. The items that PERSCO requires include Virtual Record of Emergency Data, 1 copy of CED orders, AF Form 245, Activation Orders (ANG and Reserve only) and Medical records (unless your unit has its own flight doc). When PERSCO has finished your in-processing, they will release you to your sponsor so that you can get a lodging assignment and claim your bags. If a room is not yet available for you, transient tents are available until a permanent billet opens up.

Your First Days: Your first 72 hours at Bagram will be rather busy. You will conduct turnover with your predecessor before that individual rotates home. If required, you will be issued your weapon and ammunition at the armory. You will fill out the paperwork to establish your NIPR and SIPR email accounts (This should preferably be completed prior to your departure/arrival). Within fourteen days of arrival, you must attend Combat Orientation (which will include Active Shooter training).

MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS

General: Due to lack of sleep, constant contact with people, and not eating right, many people develop cold or flu symptoms soon after arriving. To avoid the "Bagram Crud," make sure you're physically fit before you travel and wash your hands often. In addition, follow three simple rules while you travel: eat, sleep, and drink water every chance you get --- you never know when you may get another opportunity.

The Sun: Even during the winter months, sun exposure can be a problem. Apply SPF 30 or higher to all exposed skin when working outdoors.

Wild Life: Do not attempt to catch, kill or harass spiders, snakes, scorpions, cats, dogs, or any other animals on base. Consider all bugs and snakes to be venomous. Shake out your boots. Wear gloves when working around sandbags. Keep your fingers in sight. Do not feed any rodents or stray animals. Wear DEET, treat your uniforms with permethrin (if not already pre-treated), and take your malaria pills. Keep your working and living areas clean. Food scraps attract rodents and rodents attract snakes. Rodents also attract large birds that put the flying mission at risk.

Water: Bottled water for consumption can be obtained from one of the water sheds around Camp Cunningham. The water in the latrines is only suitable for bathing and brushing teeth, *not for drinking!*

Vaccinations: All personnel deployed to Bagram are required to stay current on all necessary immunizations, including flu shots. Public Health will notify you if you need any shots and will provide them during their normal duty hours. All personnel deploying to Bagram are required to deploy with the anti-malarial medication. Be sure to take it, as prescribed, prior to your arrival and during your stay.

MEDICAL CARE

For all emergencies (life, limb or eyesight), dial 9-1-1 or go to the Emergency Room at the Craig Joint Theater Hospital on Disney Drive. Some Morale, Welfare, and Recreation facilities require the use of 8-1-1 instead of the normal 911 call.

Aircrew: Except for emergencies, all Air Force aircrew are seen at the 455 EOG Flight Medicine Clinic (431-4413) in Camp Cunningham. When medical care is completed outside of Flight Medicine, aircrew should report back to Flight Medicine East or Camp Cunningham Flight Medicine to ensure treatment is properly documented and appropriate aeromedical disposition is made.

Non-Aircrew: For non-aircrew Air Force personnel, medical records are maintained at the Craig Joint Theater Hospital. Routine medical concerns and sick call can be addressed at the Outpatient Clinic (431-3214). Non-aircrew seen at the Craig Joint Theater Hospital should report to their unit following emergency room visits or if any duty limitations were provided during treatment (profile or quarters).

TRANSPORTATION

Camp Cunningham is conveniently located in the middle of Bagram Airfield, with nearly all work areas and services on the west side of the flight line are within easy walking distance. A shuttle bus runs along the single main street. Vehicles or bus transportation are provided for the Airmen working further away from the camp. For units working on the east side of the flight line, personnel will be lodged within walking distance, with services also located in the immediate area. Buses run around the entire airfield on a constant rotation.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

A contracted laundry service is available for up to 21 items per bag if itemized, or 25 items per bag if bulk. Note: a pair of socks counts as one item. Only two bags per day may be dropped off. There are three main laundry drop off points; one by the Dragon DFAC in Camp Cunningham and two on the East side, one near the Yelner DFAC and the other by the Grady DFAC; operating hours are 0700-2100 7-days a week. Linen turn-in on Camp Cunningham is only on Saturday, and on Sunday's on the east-side. Clothing is not accepted on linen drop-off days. When dropping off laundry/linen, members must provide their own laundry bag and fill out the appropriate paperwork. All laundry turn-around is normally 3-4 days, so plan accordingly. It is recommended members bring at least three sturdy laundry bags.

RECREATION

EFSS provides Airmen with ample opportunity to unwind and regenerate at the end of the duty day with a 24 hour, 7 day a week recreation program. Nightly games such as Texas Hold'em, Bingo, and Spades are held in the two-story Pre-Engineered Building (PEB) known as the Vulture's Nest. There is a mini concession counter which sells a variety of items such as candies, drinks, Camp Cunningham coins and t-shirts, a mini concession counter in the Old Passenger Terminal that sells a variety of items and two Ad-hoc MWR facilities/B-huts on the East side in front of RLBs 1-4. Also, as the Base Operating Support-Infrastructure (BOS-I), the host Army unit provides a variety of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation activities.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

There is a variety of fitness centers located throughout BAF designed to provide the necessary equipment for a total body workout or a thorough cardio session. The popular centers on BAF include the following:

- a. The Rock Fitness Center - located on Camp Cunningham, specializes in aerobic and weight training.
- b. The Pebble - located on Camp Cunningham, hosts numerous and varied fitness classes.
- c. The Den - located on Camp Cunningham, caters to functional fitness training.
- d. NAPA Fitness – located on Camp Cunningham, caters to yoga, jujutsu, and abs training.
- e. The Cross Fit Tent - located on Camp Cunningham, caters to high intensity training.
- f. The Cave Fitness Center - located on the Warrior Compound (East side) across from vehicle maintenance, specializes in aerobic and weight training.

If you have a desire to run outside, Bagram's main street on the west-side of the base, Disney Drive, is closed every morning 0530-0700 to most vehicle traffic to provide a safe running route. You can run on the sidewalks at any other time and on most areas of Perimeter Road during the day (forbidden near CATM). Running/exercising is not permitted on the flight line. The use of MP3 players or headphones is ONLY authorized while inside a Fitness Center.

TESTING/BAGRAM LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LRC)

The Bagram Testing Centers are located in building #25117B next door to the lodging office on the West Side and in building #35516 near CAS Ramp on the East Side. The Testing Control Officer (TCO) can assist with your CDCs and PME testing, AFOQT and AFCT needs. They also offer select proctoring services for college courses. For additional information or to schedule a test, contact the TCO via e-mail 455efss.tcotestingoffice@bgab.afcent.af.mil or call 318-447-6883/2359.

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) is located at the Vulture's Nest Recreation Center, and provides a quiet environment for studying/reading and a large selection of books and DVDs for checkout.

COMMUNICATIONS BACK HOME

Two 15-minute morale calls per week are allowed. If you need more time to handle personal issues, contact your First Sergeant. The Vulture's Nest has several morale computers/phones and is open 24hrs/day. Free wireless internet is also available there and in other morale locations. Additionally, Bagram's movie theater located in the Collation MWR facility, has phones and computers available for use. The outgoing morale call number is 312-431-1211, and the 800 access number is 809-463-3376. Due to limited network bandwidth, Bagram does not have videophone capabilities over government lines; however it does have limited VTC capabilities for official use. The USO across from the passenger terminal offers free wireless internet services, however it is frequently very slow due to high demand. A commercial internet provider will provide service to your living quarters for a fee; however, service is expensive compared to CONUS, is sporadic, and can also be slow at times. The USO also has a reading program that lets you record a book to stay in touch with children.

OFFICIAL EMAIL

All personnel are authorized to use official email for limited morale purposes, provided it does not violate AFI 33-119. You can access most web-based email providers, such as Hotmail and Yahoo. Due to limited network bandwidth availability, all personnel should limit the size of any attachments on emails, as well as web surfing, to the absolute minimum required for the mission. Also, most banking and finance e-banking sites are fully

accessible.

Either the person you're replacing or someone from the unit where you will be assigned should send you all necessary paperwork that the 455th Expeditionary Communication Squadron requires in order to create network accounts. These forms include the DD 2875 System Authorization Access Request form, the AF 4394 User Agreement form. Once these documents are sent to you, you should return these documents electronically to your deployed unit in order to have your accounts created prior to your arrival. You will also need to send a copy of your current DoD IAA Cyber Awareness Challenge certificate of completion, along with Cross Domain Violation (CDV) and Discharge of Classified Information (DCI) training completion letter from the Unit Information Assurance Officer. To avoid issues with the account creation, your deployed squadron CSA personnel will provide the Communications Squadron this paperwork seven to three days before you arrive on Bagram. Also, if you have a SIPR token, bring it with you as you will be able to use it during your deployment. The SIPR token is the preferred method of accessing SIPR in AFCENT.

MORALE WIRELESS

All Air Force military personnel on active duty assigned to Bagram have the privilege of accessing free wireless on BAF. The Air Force morale wireless system is for personal use only. The intent is to keep members in touch with their family and friends. All members will adhere to General Order 1-B and General Order 1-C while using the system. It is recommended that you do not use the morale wireless for any finances as the system goes through a local provider.

All members will be required to agree to the acceptable use policy before registration. For any questions, comments or concerns please contact the Wireless Support Team at 455aew.wireless@bgab.afcent.af.mil.

PORTABLE HARD DRIVES

Personal portable hard drives are not authorized to be used on government-owned computers. However, with 455 ECS approval, government-issued portable hard drives may be used for official use in support of mission requirements. Home station, government-issued, portable hard drives brought to Bagram may have official duty files downloaded after 455 ECS approval is granted. Airmen are generally given 24 hours to download any official documents after the portable hard drive is scanned by 455 ECS.

MAIL SERVICE

Your mail delivery address during deployment is:

First Name Last Name
UNIT/OFFICE SYMBOL
Bagram Airfield or BAF
APO, AE 09352

Example:

John Doe
455 EFSS/PERSCO
Bagram Airfield
APO, AE 09352

Bagram Airfield has one main post office in Camp Cunningham and a satellite Postal Service Center in Camp Warrior. The 455 ECS works with the main post office and unit mail clerks to deliver mail. Mail and packages average 10 to 14 days shipping time from the US during non-holiday periods. During holiday periods, these times can easily double. There is an outgoing letter box at the Camp Cunningham and Camp Warrior post offices, as well as several other locations where you can mail letters and cards for free. Write "FREE MAIL" at the upper right corner of the envelope (where the postage stamp is usually placed). Mail packages at either post office. All packages will be inspected by Customs Officials for unauthorized items. *Do not seal your packages prior to taking them to the post office.* Customs forms are available at the main post office. Tape is available for sealing packages after a customs official completes a package search. **The post office only accepts cash and Eagle Cash cards-no credit cards or checks!**

SPIRITUAL RESILIENCY AND RELIGIOUS SUPPORT

There are six different chapels across Bagram that offer a wide variety of worship opportunities. A schedule of services, activities and their locations may be found in the BAF Quadfold at: <https://portal.bgab.afcent.af.mil/afcent/wings/455/spstf/HC/docs/BAF%20RS%20Overview%20-%20Schedule%2017%20JUNE%2014.pdf>. The Air Force Chaplain Corps' offices are located in Camp Cunningham, the Craig Joint Theater Hospital, and the Flight Line Chapel on the east-side and the PAX Terminal. The chaplains offer classes on biblical, spiritual, and relational studies as the need of the community and resources dictate. Confidential counseling, religious guidance, and pastoral care are always available. DSN Phone: 318-447-6677.

DINING

There are presently nine DFACs at Bagram. The Koele DFAC is located on South Disney Drive across from the Base Exchange. CG Mess is located at the Joint Operations Center. Dragon DFAC is approximately in the middle of Disney Drive adjacent to Camp Cunningham. On the North end of Disney Drive, there is the North DFAC. These four facilities are less than a ten-minute walk from Camp Cunningham. The Yelner DFAC is at the North East end of the runway on the east-side of BAF, Grady and Warrior DFACs are located on the east side of BAF in Warrior Loop. There are also two DFACs at Camp Sabalu Harrison, on the far east side of the installation, but must have a camp pass to utilize these facilities. Currently there are two DFACs that are under construction and set to open by October 2014. The Coalition DFAC will replace Koele and CG Mess, and the New North DFAC will replace North DFAC. In addition to the DFACs, Bagram Airfield has two Green Bean coffee shops, a Pizza Hut, Popeye's, and a Subway.

FINANCE

The Air Force has financial representatives on Camp Cunningham in building 24095; however, **this office does not conduct cash operations or transactions.** The Army Finance office located in Motel 6 (Bldg. 815) on Bagram can cash personal checks up to \$100.00 every month, or deduct money from a member's Eagle Cash card, subject to the same limit. No third party checks will be cashed!

Automatic Teller Machines are presently located in both Base Exchanges, but are not under AF nor Army control, and if used, are done so at the risk of the member. The Base Exchange will take debit/credit cards however, it's recommended you use AAFES STAR cards and Eagle Cash cards as they provide greater personal security. Eagle Cash cards are mandatory for all Airmen in the AFCENT AOR and are available at the Camp Cunningham Finance Office. It is recommended that all transactions are made through the Eagle Cash card - it is reliable, safe, and convenient.

There are several financial entitlements that you will be eligible to receive to include; Immanent Danger Pay, Combat Zone Tax exclusion, Hardship Duty Pay, Family Separation Pay. Imminent Danger Pay and Tax Exclusion are automatically started upon interface with personnel system when first transitioning through an ETDC. These entitlements can take up to **45 days** before members see differences in their pay. If, after 45 days, members do not see these entitlements, they can contact Bagram Air Force Finance at 455aew.financecustomerservice@bgab.afcent.af.mil Hardship Duty Pay (HDP) can be started **at the request of the member** after being in the AOR for 30 consecutive days. The member can visit the Bagram Air Force Finance Office or send an email with their SSN# and date arrived at ETDC to start this entitlement. To obtain Family Separation Allowance, members with dependents must report to home station finance **prior to departing** on a TDY projected for more than 30 days. Members will complete a DD Form 1561 and provide a copy of TDY orders. The entitlement will be entered as a suspended transaction until the member is physically away from their dependents for more than 30 days. Members who do not process this transaction prior to departure will be asked to reach back to their home station to start the entitlement. If a member does not initiate a payment request for FSA and/or HDP, a lump sum payment will be made upon submission of their final travel voucher.

Two financial actions by the member are imperative when deploying to Bagram or anywhere in the AOR. First, members must review their Leave and Earnings statement each month to ensure that entitlements are started within the stated timeframes. Second, upon completion of your deployment you must file a travel voucher. The travel voucher not only pays you for travel, but is used to stop your deployed entitlements. Failure to file the travel voucher in a timely manner will result in overpayment of entitlements and a subsequent debt. If you would like to learn more about your deployed entitlements or gain access to additional financial tools please visit the Air Force Portal/Life and Fitness/Money-Welcome to Virtual Finance.

LODGING

There are several types of lodging facilities located on Bagram Airfield. Military personnel assigned to BAF will be lodged in Concrete Masonry Units (CMUs) or Re-locatable Buildings (RLBs) while transient personnel will typically be lodged in Small and Medium Shelter Systems (tents) or B-Huts. Most rooms contain bunk beds and house 2-6 personnel, depending on the size of the room. You will typically be located near your work area and with members of your unit. The showers and latrines are in the same building for CMUs & RLBs and a short walk away for Tents and B-huts.

LEGAL OFFICE

The 455 AEW Legal Office provides legal assistance including powers of attorney, wills, notary services, appointments with an attorney, and claims information. The AF legal assistance website can assist you in determining what information is needed for the POA or will. <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>. Article 137 briefs required to reenlist are provided twice per week. The legal office is located in Building 24095 (Pink Palace). Call 318-447-6218 for more information. The Area Defense Counsel serving BAF is located at AUAB. They can be reached at 318-437-7335 or afloa.adc@auab.afcent.af.mil.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE (SARC)

The SARC is available to provide guidance on reporting options and support services available to victims of sexual assault. To preserve your reporting options as a victim, visit the Air Force SARC in Camp Cunningham building 25117B or call 447-6272 for more information. For emergencies, call the 24/7 Hotline at 481-7272.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The 455 Air Expeditionary Wing Equal Opportunity (EO) Office is an avenue for DoD civilian employees &

active duty military members (including active duty family members and retirees) to address issues of unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment. The goal of the EO program is to create an inclusive AF culture that embraces, values, and utilizes the diversity within our service and actively promotes fairness and EO in the workplace. The EO office is located on Camp Cunningham, Bldg. 25117B, or call 318-447-6226.

PERSONNEL SUPPORT

You must immediately in-process through PERSCO for accountability and for your Hostile Fire Pay and Combat Zone Tax Exclusion to begin.

PERSCO offers limited MPS functions. Personnel services include reenlistments, extensions, emergency leave, R&R leave processing, and other personnel actions requiring home station MPS coordination. These services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, PERSCO does not have MilPDS or DEERS capabilities.

For SSgt-selects who have not completed Airman Leadership School and MSgt selects who have not completed Non-Commissioned Officers Academy – check with your Commander or First Sergeant for a waiver that will allow you to sew on your stripe while deployed. Limited rank insignia is available at Bagram but uniform alterations can be performed by two AAFES vendors.

The US Army personnel office, located on the second floor of Motel 6 (Bldg. 815), issues ID/CAC cards.

INSPECTOR GENERAL

Bagram Air Base does not have an assigned IG. For issues, members can contact the Bagram IG Liaison at 318-447-6437. Members may also contact the AFCENT Inspector General at 318-436-1774.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING WITH YOU

Specific items that you must bring are identified in the AOR reporting instructions provided by your Unit Deployment Manager/Installation Personnel Readiness Unit.

The BX does carry some personal hygiene items, but does run out of stock from time to time. Also, if you have a brand preference, you should bring enough for your tour due to the limited selections available. Regarding electronics, both your living and working areas will have 110-volt power and use US plugs.

Below is a list of recommended items you should consider bringing to Bagram, in addition to your issued items and clothing.

- Personal credit/debit card for use at the BX.
- Personal checkbook for cashing checks.
- Some cash for travel.
- AF PT uniform (min 4 sets, recommend 6-8 sets).
- Socks/underwear to last 10-12 days.
- Shower shoes.
- Prescription glasses/reading glasses & ballistic eye protection.
- Sunglasses & sunscreen.
- Small flashlight with spare batteries.
- Reading light.
- At least one-month supply toiletries if you desire a specific brand. Note: airlines restrict

liquids/gels/aerosols to 3oz containers in one, quart-size zip-lock container.

- At least 3 laundry bags.
- Travel combo or key lock for your bags and one for securing room locker.
- Alarm clock; wind-up or electric.
- Electric blanket (Oct - Mar).
- 2 sets of extra-long twin-sized bed linen, blanket & pillow.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Red Cross: An American Red Cross office is located on Bagram Airfield, 318-431-4242. Give your family members the phone numbers of your home station First Sergeant or Commander in case of emergencies.

Emergency Leave: Emergency leave will be considered IAW AFI 36-3003 on a case-by-case basis. Emergency leave will normally be granted for deaths and terminal illness of your (or your spouse's) parents, children, siblings, sole surviving relative, and persons meeting in-loco-parentis criteria. Emergency leave is *not* granted for normal childbirths, marital problems, to attend to legal or financial problems, or for emergencies involving friends, fiancés, or other than immediate family members. Contact your commander as soon as possible if you anticipate the need for emergency leave.

United Service Organizations (USO): Located across from CUSTOMS and the PAX Terminal, the USO provides movies, snacks and services to include free wireless internet access. There is also a USO on the east-side of BAF on the northeast corner of Warrior Loop.

Return Information: Give your families a window of time that you should be leaving the AOR. Plans change frequently and for many reasons, so giving specific dates is asking for trouble and heartache. Approximately 30 days from your departure window, you will be scheduled on a flight from an ETDC and be asked to complete a passenger travel card to schedule any required commercial transportation back to home station.

WEATHER

Month	Average Temperature		Extreme Temperature		Average Liquid Precipitation	
	High °F	Low °F	High °F	Low °F	# of Days	Inches
Jan	43	24	61	-6	8	13
Feb	50	31	70	7	12	22
Mar	64	42	82	21	12	1.8
Apr	74	49	91	34	11	15
May	83	57	97	39	9	06
Jun	92	67	102	48	3	02
Jul	96	71	104	57	2	0
Aug	94	68	104	52	1	0
Sep	87	59	97	45	2	01
Oct	77	46	95	32	3	01
Nov	63	36	81	23	6	07
Dec	49	28	68	9	8	12



WELCOME TO THE FIGHT